

(d) Removal of illegal encroachments and regular demolition programmes are organised and carried out with the help of local police except in cases which are covered by stay orders of the Courts.

#### Use of Syringes

1180. SHRI DHIRENDRA AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the details of study made by Core Health Care Limited, Ahmedabad and published in the 'Business Standard' dated May 2, 1997;

(b) whether 78 per cent of syringes used in injections in India are reused for injections;

(c) whether the World Health Organisation has suggested that fully disposable syringes should be used; and

(d) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government, in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Most of the syringes which are used are glass syringes being used after following proper sterilisation procedure like boiling and auto-clave.

(c) No, Sir. WHO suggests full destruction of disposable syringes, if used and proper sterilisation like auto-slaving and boiling of glass syringes.

(d) Government has issued instructions for proper sterilisation of the glass syringes and needles and destruction of the disposable needles after use instead of throwing into the garbage.

#### Hindi Advisory Committee

1181. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Hindi Advisory Committee has been constituted in the Ministry;

(b) if so, the date on which the meeting of this Committee is proposed to be held;

(c) whether Government propose to use official

language in Indian Embassies in foreign countries;

(d) whether there is any proposal to use Hindi or National Language of the concerned country in place of English in the offices located in other countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA) : (a) and (b) The reconstitution of the Hindi Advisory Committee of the Ministry of External Affairs is under way. The process is expected to be completed soon. As soon as the Committee is reconstituted in consultation with the Department of Official Languages, action will be taken to convene its meeting at the earliest.

(c) The Indian Missions abroad are the offices of the Government of India and, accordingly, Government takes all necessary steps to implement the provisions of the official language policy as applicable to these offices of Government of India.

(d) and (e) All efforts are made towards promotion of use of Hindi in the Indian Missions abroad in keeping with the Government of India's policy on the subject. The national languages of the countries concerned are also used for catering to functional needs. However, it would not be practical to completely replace English by Hindi or by the national languages of the countries concerned.

[English]

#### Facilities to Leprosy Patients

1182. SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether leprosy patients are getting proper care in the leprosy homes;

(b) if so, the details of the facilities being provided to leprosy patients therein; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government for the betterment of their conditions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) Yes, Sir. Under National Leprosy Eradication Programme, domiciliary treatment is encouraged and only patients having side effects, ulcer and complications are admitted in Temporary Hospitalisation Wards.